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Docket No. 03560.002835.

Application No.: 09/873,342

Examiner: Chau T. Nguyen

Filed: June 5, 2001

Art Unit: 2176

For: METHOD, APPARATUS, AND PROGRAM FOR
PROCESSING SIGNATURE, AND STORAGE
MEDIUM THEREFOR

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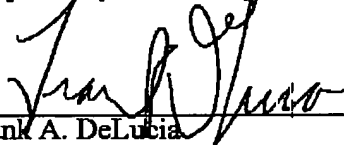
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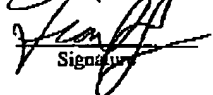
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